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1. INDOCHINA

THREE-AND-QUARTER BILLION DOLS NVN SAYS PROMISED BY NIXON
FIRST SPECIFIC AID PRICE TAG COME TO LIGHT. ASKED IF
EXISTENCE NIXON LETTER WOULD APPEAR CONTRADICT HAK
STATEMENT THAT AMOUNT NOT AGREED ON, REP MCCLOSKEY SAID,
"I DON'T KNOW -- NOT TILL I SEE IT" (AP, BALTO N-A 2/2).
US OFFICIALS SAY NIXON TOLD NVN IN FEB 73 COULD RECEIVE
3.25 BILLION DOLS IN ECON AID IF OBSERVED C-F. DOS
SPOKESMAN REJECTS NVN CLAIM THAT MEMO CONSTITUTED PLEDGE
US AID, SINCE ANY FIGURE USED WAS FOR DISCUSSION, SUBJECT
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TO JOINT ECON COUNCIL APPROVAL (REUTER WASHINGTON 2/2).

WH'S NESSEN SAYS ANY AID PROMISE TO HANOI AT C-F TIME
NULLIFIED WHEN HANOI STARTED UP WAR AGAIN. DECLINES

STATE WHETHER NIXON PLEDGED 3.25 BILLION DOLS (WSJ). NESSEN ADDS CONGRESS' MOOD, HANOI'S VIOLATIONS DOOMED POSSIBILITY POSTWAR AID, SO QUESTION BECAME MOOT. DOES NOT CONFIRM, DENY EXISTENCE NIXON MEMO TO PHAM VAN DONG. POINTS OUT PRES FORD FAMILIAR WITH MATTER, SINCE WITH DELEGATION WHEN ACCORDS SIGNED (UPI, CHITRIB).

NYT'S GELB QUOTES NVN DEP FONMIN THAT NIXON "PLEDGED, AID WITHOUT POLITICAL CONDITIONS, AND HANOI MAY MAKE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS PUBLIC. NOTES ADMIN OFFICIAL REFUSES DENY, CONFIRM AID PLEDGE, BUT QUOTES 'STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL' THAT NIXON MADE SUCH PLEDGE IN LETTER DATED FEB 1, 1973. POINTS OUT VISITING CONGRESSMEN NOT SHOWN LETTER; BUT GARETH P8RTER, WHO ACCOMPANIED CODEL AS CONSULTANT, IN MEMO CONCLUDES US OBLIGATIONS ON POSTWAR AID IN C-F LINKED ONLY TO NVN OBLIGATION PROVIDE MIA INFO. HANOI ALSO SAYS AID AGREEMENT WAS TO BE SIGNED JUL 23, 1973, BUT US "DEMANDED POLITICAL CONDITIONS."

WP'S OBERDORFER NOTES DISAGREEMENT AMONG CODEL ABOUT PRECISE DESCRIPTION NIXON OFFER THAT GAVE 'GENERAL OUTLINES' POSTWAR AID, BUT AGREEMENT NVN ATTACHES MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE TO 3.25 BILLION DOL FIGURE. ADDS CODEL TOLD HANOI ANY SUCH AID PLAN NOW HAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE US APPROVAL. QUOTES DOS' TRATTNER'S CONFIRMATION EXISTENCE FEB, 1973 NIXON MEMO TO NVN, AND REFUSAL GIVE DETAILS. STATES ANOTHER DOS SOURCE SAYS "FAIR ASSUMPTION- THAT 3.25 BILLION FIGURE USED, BUT AID FIGURE QUALIFIED IN SEVERAL WAYS -- INCLUDING NEED CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, REQUIREMENT FOR FAITHFUL C-F IMPLEMENTATION BY NVN. SEES PRESENT US POSITION THAT HANOI'S FAILURE ABIDE BY C-F, PARTICULARLY SENDING MASSIVE FORCES INTO SVN, VOIDED AID PROMISE. REVIEWS HISTORY C-F, HAK'S JAN 24, 1973 STATEMENT THAT ECON RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY WHEN C-F IMPLEMENTATION "WELL ADVANCED,' NIXON MEMO THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SET STAGE FOR JOINT ECON DISCUSSIONS THAT BEGAN MARCH, 1973, BUT BROKEN OFF 4 MOS LATER BY US AMID CHARGES NVN VIOLATING C-F. OBERDORFER QUOTES REP MONTGOMERY OF CODEL THAT HANOI OFFICIAL REFERRED TO US "PRELIMINARY STUDY," WHICH SUGGESTED 3.25 BILLION DOL PROGRAM OVER 5 YEARS. POINTS OUT DURING SEPARATE VISIT ON JAN 14, XUAN THUY TOLD SEN MCGOVERN NIXON SENT MEMO TO PHAM VAN DONG THAT US "WOULD GIVE' 3.25 BILLION DOLS AID, ACCORDING NOTES ACCOMPANYING STAFF MEMBER. ADDS HOUSE CMTE ON JAN 25 DISCUSSED STEPS US MIGHT TAKE IMPROVE RELS WITH NVN, BUT MASSIVE AID PROGRAM NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE POSSIBILITY; EFFORTS BY HOUSE MEMBERS SEE SECSTATE ABOUT VN PROBLEM SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL.

NYDN'S CARTER REPORTS NIXON LETTER "PROMISED" AID, ACCORDING US OFFICIALS, BUT WH, DOS CONTEND PROMISE WIPED OUT BY COMMUNIST C-F VIOLATIONS. SAYS DOS OFFICIALS CONFIRM NIXON DISCUSSED GENERAL SUBJECT IN MEMO TO NVN PREMIER AFTER C-F SIGNED; CONGRESSIONAL

SOURCES QUOTE NVN LEADERS THAT NIXON MEMO PROMISED 3.25 BILLION US AID. ADMIN SOURCES CANNOT CONFIRM NIXON MEMO USED SPECIFIC FIGURE, BUT CONFIRM 3.25 BILLION AMOUNT DISCUSSED WITH NVIETS DURING ECON NEGOTIATIONS AT PARIS IN SPRING 1973; STRESS NIXON MEMO MERELY AMPLIFIED GENERAL PROMISE IN C-F. QUOTES DOS' TRATTNER THAT HAD NEVER BEEN FORMAL US PLEDGE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AMOUNT AID, NO SPECIFIC AID REQUESTS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS DUE NVN VIOLATIONS C-F IN BOTH VN, CAMBODIA.

REFUGEES REPORT MOST CHAMPASSACK PROV NOW CONTROLLED BY 2000 FORMER RLA SOLDIERS HEADED FORMER PL COLONEL WHO OPPOSES NVN "ANNEXATION OF LAOS." ADD PART OF GARRISON 55 MILES NORTH VIENTIANE MUTINIED, JOINED MEO GUERRILLAS IN NEARBY MOUNTAINS. ALSO SAY VIENTIANE-LUANG PRABANG HIGHWAY UNDER CONSTANT THREAT (WP).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

NYT'S WHITNEY IN GERMANY REPORTS 120 CRIPPLED, BURNED UNCLASSIFIED

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VIET CHILDREN BROUGHT IN FROM 1967-75 FOR REHABILITATION NOW CAUGHT IN POLITICAL BATTLE OVER WHETHER SHOULD BE SENT HOME. SOME SAY CHILDREN BEING RAISED ANTI-COMMUNIST, BEING MADE AFRAID RETURN. MILLIONS GERMANS WHO FLED E GER OPPOSE SENDING BACK. SVN EMBASSY IN E BERLIN ASKED DISCUSS CHILDREN'S FATE; SAIGON MINISTRY HEALTH SAYS ADVISED MFA, "PLEASE WAIT."

3. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS CHINESE OFFICIAL TOLD WESTERN DIPLOMAT THAT MAO WAS CHOU EN-LAI'S LAST VISITOR, LEAVING PREMIER'S BESIDE ONLY HALF HOUR BEFORE HIS DEATH. DESPITE OWN FRALITY, CHAIRMAN REPORTEDLY MADE SEVERAL VISITS TO CHOU DEATH-BED, WAS PERSUADED LEAVE ONLY WHEN DOCTORS CERTAIN END WAS NEAR (WP). ACCORDING THIS ACCOUNT, APPEARS MAO PAID LITTLE REGARD HIS OWN 'EALTH IN BEING WITH CHOU DURING HIS LAST DAYS (SUN, CHITRIB; ALSO, PHINQ, NYT'S JOHNSTON).

REUTER (PEKING) SAYS PLANS BEING MADE FOR NPC STANDING CMTE MEETING, ACCORDING WESTERN DIPLOMAT -- WHO SAID

HE RECEIVED INFO FROM CHINESE OFFICIAL. NO DATES REVEALED, BUT ASSUMPTION IS NEW PREMIER, NEW FIVE-YEAR-PLAN WILL BE MAIN AGENDA ITEMS (SUN, WP). ANOTHER DIPLOMAT SAID PEKING HAD PUT OFF VISIT THIS MONTH BY ASIAN ALLY'S DELEGATION BECAUSE CHINESE OFFICIALS WOULD BE TOO BUSY (SUN).

4. JAPAN

MIKI TOLD DIET BUDGET CMTE MONDAY GOJ PLANS EXTEND TERRITORIAL SEA FROM THREE TO 12 MILES THIS YEAR, REGARDLESS OF DECISION LOS CONFERENCE. MIYAZAWA SAID VOTE BY CONGRESS TO CREATE 200-MILE US FISHERIES ZONE WOULD HAVE "SERIOUS EFFECT" ON JAPANESE FISHERMEN; ADDED JAPAN WILL HOLD TALKS WITH US TO DISCUSS FISHING SITUATION, PROBABLY IN MAY (AP, NYT; CSM).

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS BILL, IF ENACTED, EXPECTED BE TEMPORARY, WOULD BE PHASED OUT WHEN NEW INTL LOS TREATY NEGOTIATED. UNCLASSIFIED

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CITES GOJ OFFICIALS WHO SAY JAPANESE FISHERMEN WOULD SUFFER MOST, IF LOS ADOPTS 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA; ADD BILL WOULD ALSO LIMIT SUCCESSFUL SOV FISHERY JUST OUTSIDE JAPAN'S PRESENT 3-MILE LIMIT.

TOKYO ELEC POWER SAYS EIGHT UTILITIES ACCEPTED INCREASE IN PRICE OF YELLOW CAKE URANIUM SOLD BY DENISON MINES LTD, TO 21.45 DOLS/LB, FROM 12 DOL/LB IN 1975.

POWER FIRMS EXPECTED BUY 2,000 TONS THIS YEAR, UNDER 15-YEAR CONTRACT THAT RUNS THROUGH 1984. DENISON SPOKESMAN, IN TORONTO, DECLINED COMMENT (WSJ, TOKYO).

AUSTRALIA'S DEP PM ANTHONY DUE ARRIVE TOKYO THURSDAY ON NINE-DAY VISIT. EXPECTED EXPLAIN RECENT POWER CHANGE OPENS WAY FOR GREATER BILATERAL ECON COOPERATION, AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE JOINT DEVELOPMENT RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES (JOC, TOKYO).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO NOTES ALL JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION AGREED OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW CONTRACT WITH TWO MAJOR SHIPOWNER ASSNS NEXT MONDAY. UNION DEMAND FOR "SUBSTANTIAL WAGE INCREASE," OWNERS' PROPOSAL LIMIT NUMBER PAID HOLIDAYS SEEN MAJOR ISSUES.

SUN (2/1) CORRESPONDENTS EXAMINE CLAIM BY CONTROVERSIAL PALLOTINE FATHERS OF BALTIMORE THAT FUND-RAISING GOAL IS "PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE STARVING, SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS" AT FOREIGN MISSIONS. SEIDEN FINDS MISSION IN JAPAN CONSISTS OF SINGLE PRIEST, 'SECRETIVE" FATHER JOSEPH SCHRECK, S. A. C., WHO FIRST DISCLAIMED CONTACT

WITH ORDER, SAID NOT INVOLVED IN CHARITABLE SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS; BUT LATER ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF 1,000 DOLS FROM ORDER IN BOTH 1972, 1973.

CHI S-T (1/29) NOTES ITI MIN KOMOTO SAID JAPANESE MFRS CARRYING ABOUT THREE MILLION UNNEEDED WORKERS ON

PAYROLLS, CALLED FOR MORE EXPORTS TO RELIEVE BURDEN. STATED DRIVE SHOULD FOCUS ON PLANT EXPORTS, NOT CONSUMER GOODS, BECAUSE DRASTIC INCREASE IN LATTER COULD UNCLASSIFIED

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STIR UP PROTECTIONIST MOVES. SAID FEARS FIRMS WOULD SOON BE FORCED FIRE EXCESS WORKERS, IF PRODUCTION NOT INCREASED.

5. AUSTRALIA

AMB-DESIGNATE HARGROVE TOLD SFRC CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FRIDAY THAT EFFORTS TO INCREASE TRADE CONSTITUTE ONE OF FEW ISSUES IN US-AUSSIE RELATIONS. FELT IT "FORTUNATE WE DON'T HAVE A GREAT MANY ISSUES... WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS AND WE HOPE THIS WILL CONTINUE" (AP, WSTAR JAN 31).

6. HONG KONG

WP CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF RESULTS OF "HK INFERNO." LUNAR NEW YEAR FIRE SUNDAY DESTROYED 400,000 SQUARE FEET OF ALDRICH BAY SQUATTERS' SLUM, INJURING 12, LEAVING 3,000 HOMELESS, NONE KILLED. NOTES COLONY OFFICIALS HELD EMERGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS WAYS HOUSE DISPLACED.

7. PHILIPPINES

REPS 107 ASIAN, AFRICAN, L AM COUNTRIES MEET AT MANILA TO FORM COMMON POSITION FOR MAY UNCTAD MEETING AT NAIROBI (WSJ; AP, PHINQ). MARCOS ADVISES REPS FROM ERD WORLD ECON SYSTEM WITH BROAD POWERS SOVEREIGNTY IN TRADE, DEVELOPMENT, DEMAND GREATER SHARE WORLD'S WEALTH (WSJ). PROPOSES TAXING RICH NATIONS TO BENEFIT POOR. CALLS ON OIL PRODUCERS SHARE "OIL WINDFALLS" WITH POORER 3RD WORLD COUSINS (AP, PHINQ).

GUNMEN AMBUSH BUS IN S PHILS, KILL 25 (REUTER, WP).

8. SINGAPORE

TOURIST BOARD SAYS SINGAPORE EARNED 630 MILLION DOLS FROM TOURISM IN 1974. AVERAGE TOURIST STAYED " 3.3 DAYS, SPENT 217 DOLS (AP, NYT). BIRTH RATE SLOWS

DOWN; GOVT IN MIDST CAMPAIGN DISCOURAGE MORE THAN 2
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CHILDREN PER FAMILY, INCLUDING FREE BIRTH CONTROL ADVICE;
CONTRACEPTIVES AT MINIMAL PRICE; ABORTIONS VIRTUALLY
ON DEMAND; "DISINCENTIVES" THAT DISCOURAGE LARGE FAMILIES,
INCLUDING TAX CONCESSIONS FOR 3 CHILDREN ONLY, CIVIL
SERVICE MATERNITY LEAVE FOR FIRST 2 ONLY, PRIORITY

IN PUBLIC HOUSING FOR FAMILIES WITH ONLY 2 CHILDREN,
INCREASED HOSPITAL DELIVERY CHARGES FOR EACH CHILD
AFTER FIRST (AP, BALTO N-A 2/2).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

CHITRIB'S NEWMAN REPORTS RECENT CHICAGO VISIT BY LOIS
WHEELER SNOW TO DISCUSS PRC WITH VARIOUS AUDIENCES. SNOW
SAID HER LATEST PRC STAY--THREE-AND-HALF MONTHS THAT ENDED
DECEMBER--LEFT HER WITH STILL-VIVID RECOLLECTION OF
CHINESE POVERTY: LIVING LEVEL SO DIFFERENT, "IT'S SHOCKING
TO COME BACK TO AFFLUENCE." SAID MAOISM, WHILE ENFORCING
UNCOMPROMISING ORTHODOXY OF BELIEF IN ITS PHILOSOPHY, HAS
BROUGHT ABOUT SOME POSITIVE CHANGES IN RANK-AND-FILE
CHINESE LIFESTYLE--VASTLY IMPROVED HEALTH CARE,
UNIVERSAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN, STRONGER FAMILY LIFE,
LIBERATION WOMEN. BUT IN WESTERN VIEW, CHINESE PAY
PRICE FOR THESE BENEFITS, SINCE INDIVIDUAL WILL IS
ALWAYS SUBSERVIENT TO GREATER GOOD OF WHOLE PEOPLE.

NYDN'S GARDELLA REPORTS MONDAY NIGHT PBS WILL TELEVISION
"REMARKABLE BLEND OF HISTORY AND ART" -- "600 MILLENNIA:
CHINA'S HISTORY UNEARTHED." THIS "TREASURED GIFT" FROM
SAN FRANCISCO STATION KQED-TV IS "MAGNIFICENTLY CON-
CEIVED DOCUMENTARY" AND ONE OF "MOST EXCITING VISUAL
EXPERIENCES WE'VE HAD" IN LONG TIME. "PRICELESS
COLLECTIONS OF ART OBJECTS, RANGING FROM PALEOLITHIC TIME
THROUGH THE 14TH CENTURY, ARE STUNNINGLY DISPLAYED,
WHILE HISTORICAL COMPARISONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE
COUNTRY ARE MADE. . . DISPLAY OF ANCIENT ARTIFACTS IS
DAZZLING. . . TRULY A WORTHWHILE (PBS) EFFORT AND SHOULD
WIN AN AWARD."

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WSTAR'S PAPIER (JAN 31) LAUDS EXHIBIT OF CONTEMPORARY
PRC EMBROIDERY NOW ON DISPLAY AT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
SOCIETY. WORKS ARE NOT COMMERCIAL PIECES, WERE INTENDED
FOR DISPLAY IN PRC PUBLIC BUILDINGS, OR USE AS STATE

GIFTS. WORKS ARE "ASTONISHING EXAMPLES OF THE CRAFT--
SO INTRICATE IN COMPOSITION AND METICULOUS IN EXECUTION
THAT THEY ARE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS 'PHOTOGRAPHS IN
YARN.',

10. INDOCHINA

NYT BELIEVES ADMIN'S SCOLDING CONGRESS ABOUT INTERFERENCE
IN CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY GROWS LAMER AS NEW INCIDENTS
DIPLOMATIC DISSEMBLING BECOME KNOWN. POINTS TO DIS-
CLOSURE CLAIM BY NVN LEADERS THAT NIXON COMMITTED US TO
GIVE 3.25 BILLION IN AID. STATES NO SUCH FIGURE SUBMITTED
TO CONGRESS; AT TIME, HAK DECLARED DEFINITION PARTICULAR

SUM WOULD FOLLOW US/NVN DISCUSSIONS, NO SECRET OBLIGATIONS
MADE. WONDERS WHO WAS DECEIVED, US PUBLIC OR HANOI
LEADERS? OR HAVE NVIETS JUST NOW MADE UP NIXON MEMO?
BELIEVES ADMIN CANNOT DISMISS ALLEGED NIXON LETTER AS
"HISTORICAL ODDITY," SINCE RELEVANT TO DEGREE
TRUST CONGRESS CAN BESTOW ON EXECUTIVE IN DAY-TO-DAY
CONDUCT FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NOTES CODEL THAT VISITED
HANOI TRYING EVER SINCE SEE SECSTATE TO NO AVAIL.
CONCLUDES IF CONGRESS, PUBLIC TO TRUST POLICYMAKERS,
OFFICIALS CANNOT CONTINUE DUCK INQUIRY INTO POSSIBLE
"PAST DECEPTIONS."

JUST (NYT 2/1) REVIEWS WESTMORELAND'S BOOK, FINDS DOES
NOT EXPLORE MORAL ASPECTS OF WAR, DISPLAYS VIRTUALLY
NO UNDERSTANDING STRUGGLE AS SEEN FROM US. CALLS IT
CLASSIC HARD-LINE ACCOUNT. REVIEWS WESTY'S DESCRIPTION
OWN ROLE, PROMISES. SAYS SAD, DEFENSIVE MEMOIR WITH
AIR CONFUSION, BEWILDERMENT, PAIN. AGREES WESTY NOT IN
CHARGE, BUT OUT IN FRONT; FROM EVIDENCE PRESENTED, GEN
DID NOT HIMSELF UNDERSTAND WHAT US ROLE WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE, DID NOT SEE WAR AS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL STRUGGLE.
BELIEVES COMES CLOSE TO "STAB-IN-THE-BACK" THEORY,
DISTRIBUTES BLAME "EVERYWHERE ELSE." CONCLUDES MEMOIR
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PETULANT, BUT WESTMORELAND DESERVES BETTER OF HIMSELF;
"SO DO WE."

LAT'S MCARTHUR (2/1) AT BANGKOK BELIEVES SIHANOUK'S
SILENCE SINCE BACK IN COUNTRY FOR MONTH PROVES HIM
POWERLESS FIGUREHEAD. OPINES POINT DRAMATIZED AT TIME
CHOU'S DEATH, WHEN RADIO ONLY NOTED PRINCE SIGNED
CONDOLENCE BOOK, SENT PERSONAL NOTE SYMPATHY. SAYS MUST
BE BITTER EXPERIENCE FOR SIHANOUK, SINCE REPORTEDLY
ONE MAIN REASON RETURNED WAS TO PAY CHOU POLITICAL DEBT.
NOTES GOOD FRIENDSHIP WITH CHOU ONE OF FEW CARDS PRINCE
HAD IN DEALINGS WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN, OTHER KR LEADERS.
QUOTES DIPLOMAT THAT CHOU'S DEATH WILL MAKE THINGS HARDER

FOR PRINCE. STATES SIHANOUK KNOWN DISILLUSIONED AT CURRENT ROLE PP, RETURNED IN HOPE EASING PAIN CAMBODIA'S PEOPLE.

11. KOREA

IN REVIEW OF CORPORATE POLITICAL PAYOLA WITH SLUSH FUNDS LAUNDERED THROUGH FOREIGN BANKS, GLOBE'S LENZER (2/1) SAYS REPORT THAT FIRM DISPENSED SOME FIVE MILLION DOLS TO POLITICAL PARTIES ABROAD, INCLUDING DRP IN ROK, "HAS TAKEN SIGNIFICANT TOLL" OF TOP MANAGEMENT OF GULF. RECALLS OUSTED CHAIRMAN BOB DORSEY "CAME CLEAN" ABOUT

SOME OF LARGE FOREIGN PAYMENTS UNDER PRESSURE FROM CHURCH CMTE ON MULTINATLS. INCLUDES CHART THAT SHOWS 22 MILLION DOL DOMESTIC, FOREIGN PAYMENTS BY LOCKHEED, UNDER REVIEW BY IRS.

NANCY YOSHIHARA (LAT 2/1) TELLS HOW NEWLY-ARRIVED KOREAN IMMIGRANTS TRANSFORMING "FRAYED PART" OF LA INTO STRING OF SUCCESSFUL SHOPS, SERVICE-RELATED BUSINESSES. FORMS CENTER FOR OVER 70,000 KOREANS WHO HAVE SETTLED RECENTLY IN SOUTHERN CALIF. NOTES SOME SAY COMMUNITY "POWDER KEG" OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT, OPPOSE PRES PARK'S GOVT. WOON HA KIM, WHO PUBLISHES LOCAL WEEKLY "NEW KOREA", CHARGES HE "HARRASSED AND THREATENED" BY KCIA FOR CRITICIZING ROKG, BUT THIS DENIED "VEHEMENTLY" BY CG YOUNG PARK.

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12. JAPAN

CHITRIB'S YATES (GLOBE 2/1) RELATES DIFFICULTIES FACING TAKASHI NAGASE, FORMER IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY INTERPRETER, TRYING ORGANIZE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL THOSE ON BOTH SIDES WHO DIED BUILDING BRIDGE OVER RIVER KWAI. MANY WHO FORCED BUILD RAIL LINE LINKING THAILAND, BURMA DURING WAR NOT SO WILLING BURY HATCHET; AND SINCE NAGASE PUBLICIZED PLAN, MFA "FLOODED" WITH PROTESTS FROM FORMER POWS IN HOLLAND, UK.

MICHAEL BERGER (WP) IN TOKYO DESCRIBES "HANTAI UNDO" OPPOSITION MOVEMENT BY NOT-SO-DOCILE JAPANESE, AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL DISRUPTION THREATENED BY OPENING NEW INTL AIRPORT AT NARITA, AND NOISE AND EXHAUST FUMES AT OSAKA AIRPORT. HEARTENED BY SUCCESSES IN LAW COURTS, CITIZENS' MOVEMENTS NOW "FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH" IN SECURING BETTER BUILDING CODES, HOUSING, MORE PLAYGROUNDS, SAFER CROSSINGS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN. BUT REMAIN MINORITY IN SOCIETY THAT CONDEMNS THOSE WHO STAND APART FROM CROWD, BECOME TOO ABRASIVE.

SUN'S SEIDEN DESCRIBES PROFITABLE SERVICE OFFERED POTENTIAL OVERSEAS TRAVELS BY IMPERIAL HOTEL--"MANNER PACKAGE" ON WESTERN TABLE ETIQUETTE, AND "STAYING PACKAGE" WHICH TEACHES PROPER USE WESTERN-STYLE BATHS, TOILETS, BEDS.

13. AUSTRALIA

CSM'S SCANLON NOTES WHITLAM STILL IN FIRM CONTROL ALP, DESPITE PARTY'S LANDSLIDE DEFEAT IN LAST DECEMBER'S GENERAL ELECTIONS. PARTY MACHINE, INSTEAD OF DUMPING HIM, RECOGNIZED HIM AS STILL ITS DOMINANT FIGURE--GAVE

HIM OPPORTUNITY DO UNPRECEDENTED: BECOME FIRST ALP LEADER TO REGAIN PRIME MINISTERSHIP. FEELS FRASER LIKELY BE AS CONSERVATIVE AS MANY HAD PREDICTED, AND REACTION SENIOR LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS TO HIM HARD TO GAUGE AT PRESENT, SINCE HE HAS FORBIDDEN MINISTERS TALK TO PRESS WITHOUT HIS AUTHORIZATION. THINKS DOMESTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICIES LIKELY INCLUDE REVAMPING, IF NOT WHOLESALE DISMANTLING, SUCH ALP PROGRAMS AS NEW NATIONAL HEALTH SCHEME. FRASER HAS ABANDONED FORMER GOVT'S SUPPORT FOR ZONE OF PEACE/NEUTRALITY IN INDIAN OCEAN, FAVORS STRENGTHENING US BASES IN REGION. AS OPPOSITION LEADER, WHITLAM WILL PROVIDE ARTICULATE CRITICISM OF ANY TENDENCY TOWARD FRASER "DO-NOTHING" APPROACH.

14. HONG KONG

WP'S GREENWAY, IN HK, NOTES 1976 BEGAN ON OPTIMISTIC NOTE WITH ANNOUNCEMENT COLONY HAS BEGUN EXPORTING AT LEAST ONE ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIAL--"NIGHT SOIL"-- TO PRC, WITH SALES EXPECTED EARN AT LEAST 200,000 DOLS THIS YEAR. OBSERVES THIS ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL NEWS PLAYED DOWN IN LOCAL PRESS, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR WELCOMING IT--SINCE, UNLIKE PETROLEUM, OTHER RAW MATERIALS, NO REASON TO FEAR WORLD-WIDE NIGHT SOIL SUPPLY IS IN DANGER OF BEING EXHAUSTED; AND HK'S PROXIMITY PRC COAST AND ITS HIGH-DENSITY POPULATION GIVE COLONY COMPETITIVE EDGE.

HOWEVER, GREENWAY ADDS, CLOSE EXAMINATION HK URBAN DEPT REPORT GIVES LESS CAUSE FOR LONG-RANGE OPTIMISM OVER NIGHT SOIL SALES TO PRC. OUTPUT HAS FALLEN FROM MORE THAN 25,000 TONS IN 1965 TO SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 15,000 IN 1975. MODERN PLUMBING ADVANCE IS MOST LIKELY CAUSE. BUT CURRENT MARKET IS NOT FULLY EXPLOITED; GOVT SPOKESMAN SAID RECENTLY THAT ONLY HK ISLAND NIGHT SOIL--FRACTION OF TOTAL COLONIAL OUTPUT--NOW BEING EXPORTED, REST BEING DUMPED IN WEST LAMMA CHANNEL, CLOSE TO COLONY'S MOST POPULAR BEACHES. URBAN SERVICES DEPT REPORT FOR 1974-75 RECORDS THAT 4.7 MILLION TONS NIGHT SOIL DUMPED IN

CHANNEL LAST YEAR, WITH NO PROFIT FOR HK TREASURY, LESS TO HK BATHERS; HENCE, EXPECTED THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE INCREASE SALES IN FUTURE.

15. GENERAL

IN INTERVIEW BY WSTAR'S ROBERTA HORNIG (2/1) ON NUCLEAR ISSUES, DAVID LILIENTHAL VOICES CONCERN THAT "DECEPTIVE" USE OF EVEN RESEARCH REACTORS COULD PRODUCE WEAPONS
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MATERIAL, AS INDIA APPEARS HAVE DONE. SAYS AMERICAN

PEOPLE WILL BE "VERY TROUBLED" WHEN LEARN HOW MUCH BOMB MATERIAL US HAS SHIPPED ALL OVER -- TO JAPAN, GERMANY AND FRANCE -- "WITHOUT ANY REAL SAFEGUARDS." URGES US STOP EXPORTING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS UNTIL THERE IS "ASSURANCE" MATERIAL WILL NOT BE USED MAKE WEAPONS.

RICHARD CRITCHFIELD (LAT 2/1) REVIEWS "INCREASINGLY GRIM" OUTLOOK FOR ACHIEVING LONG-TERM BALANCE BETWEEN POPULATION AND RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY FOOD. NOTES PRC HAS DONE SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN INDIA, HOLDING GROWTH TO ABOUT 1.6 PCT/YR; BUT EVEN AT THIS RATE, PRC POPULATION ESTIMATED REACH 900 MILLION BY 1980. ALSO NOTES BIRTH-RATE REDUCTIONS IN TAIWAN, HK, SINGAPORE, SK, AND PROSPECTS INDONESIANS WILL RESPOND GOI EFFORTS TO REDUCE POPULATION. ALSO NOTES THAI IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE HOLDING DOWN BIRTH-RATES, TO BE ABLE AFFORD SEND FEW CHILDREN TO FREE SCHOOLS OPENED BY KING. INGERSOLL

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